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FCC  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 02-6

Dear FCC Office of the Secretary:

This letter is an appeal of denial of funding of FCC Form 471 Application Number 961516 which was denied due to "Postmarked outside of window" for funding year 2013.

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**Appellant:** Dayton City School District BEN: 129973  
**Service Provider –** SPIN 143001688 – The Ohio Bell Telephone Company

The reasons for filing outside the window are:

1. I suffered the loss of my home due to a fire on November 11, 2011. This displaced my family till September 2012 and the impact of starting all over again took longer than anticipated.
2. I suffered the death of my father on March 27, 2012 after a long illness with cancer, which required trips from Dayton, OH to Buffalo, NY, was resided.
3. The reduction in Dayton City Schools staff due to funding meant I am the only E-Rate coordinator for the School district.

These events and regular pressure of work cause this oversight which will have a significant negative impact on a public school district.

Therefore I am asking for a Deadline Waiver on Form 471 Application Number 961516.

Sincerely yours,



Richard D. Melson

**Attachments:** Dayton Fire Department report; Death certificate, obituary, USAC denial

### **Mission Statement**

*Dayton Public Schools provides a high-quality education in a safe environment that prepares our students for success in school, work and life by providing a highly effective trained staff working each day with community resources.*